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1. An airfield is being built north of Budapest, between Rákosszentmihály and Rákospalota. Its northern boundary is the Szilas brook, its southern, the Felszabadulás road. The prevailing winds are northwest-southeast. The field is 3,000 m by about 800 m.
2. The cemeteries of Pestújhelyi temető and Palotaujfalusi temető were exhumed to provide room for the field. It would seem likely that the field will be extended northward and the Szilas brook canalized.
3. The nearby villages have only one-story houses and so present no serious obstacles. The ground is a sandy loam. As it is quite uneven, grading work has been in progress since the fall of 1952. About 400 men are at work on the field, but no buildings have been constructed as yet.
4. There are underground depots in the Nun's Garden in Rákosszentmihály. Ventilation tubes have been observed and also some wooden structures, but the latter appear to be for purposes of camouflage.
5. Opposite this installation, at the corner of Jozsef utca and Rákospalotai határut there is a Red Star kolkhoz, whose members have been strictly forbidden to enter the Nun's Garden. The buildings are to be evacuated and turned over to the Honved.
6. Both Rákospalotai határut and Jozsef utca are guarded by military posts, whose members are changed daily. During the night the place is brilliantly lighted, and from three hours before to two hours after midnight there is heavy truck traffic. It is not clear whether the depots are connected with the airfield.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch of Airfield at Rakosszentmihály

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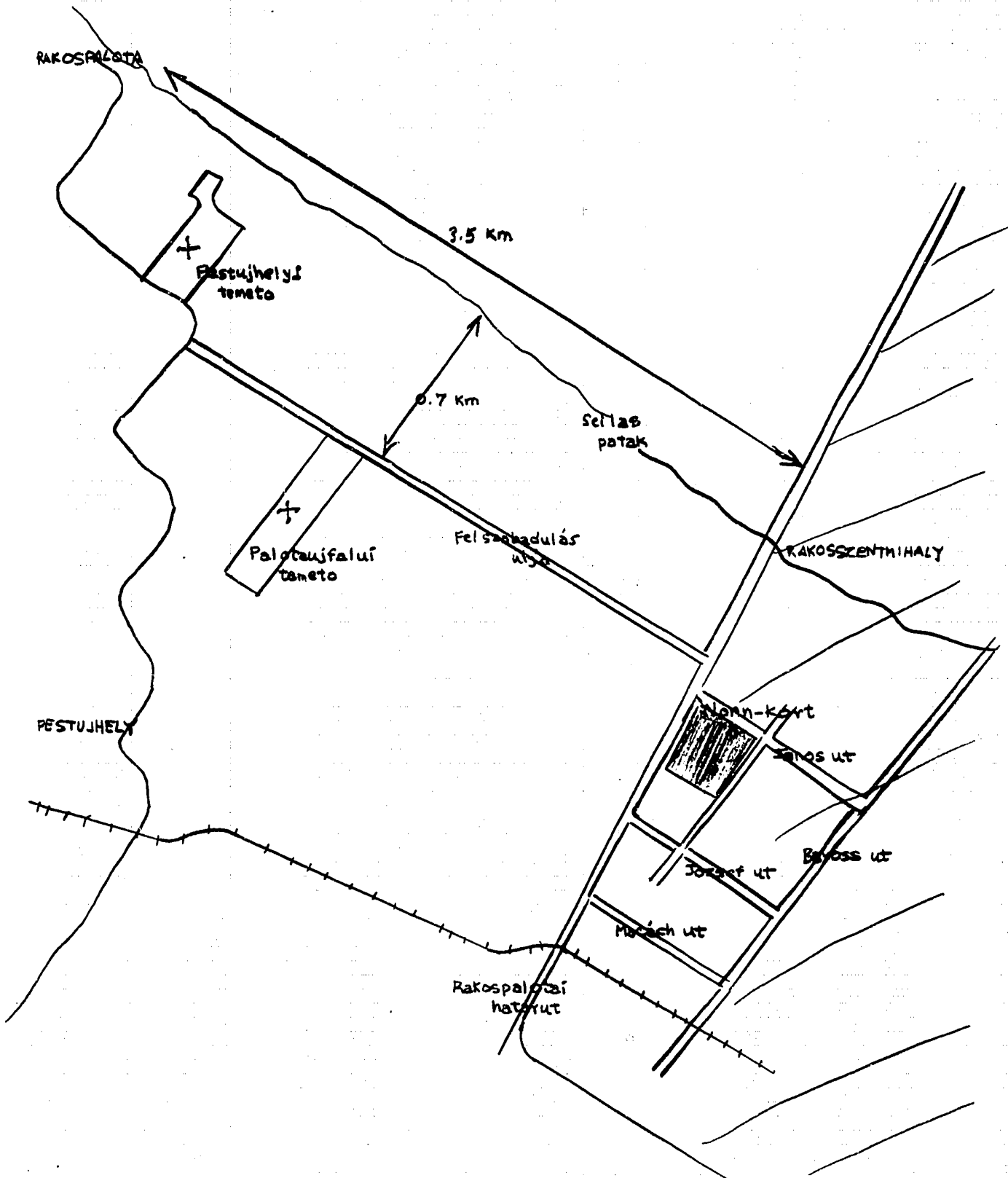
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